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GROUP ART UNIT: 3762

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Brand et al.

SPECIAL NO.:

09/830,239

EXAMINER: Frances P. Otopeza

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CONFIRMATION NO.: 3292

TITLE: "A HOUSING, WITH A TUBULAR CONNECTOR, FOR A HEART SIMULATOR"  
AMENDMENT "B"

Commissioner for Patents

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$145.00 ( ) \$290.00 ONE TIME		
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15 In response to the Office Action dated September 29., 2003, Applicants  
herewith amend the application as follows:

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